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## **Obama Administration Announces Additional \$27,777,600 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Utah**

*Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence*

**WASHINGTON** – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$27,777,600 for state, county and city efforts in Utah. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$73,259,203 in Utah weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12<sup>th</sup> and detailed at [energy.gov/recovery](http://energy.gov/recovery).

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

“The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America’s economy and create jobs at the local level,” said Secretary Chu. “The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long term clean energy and climate goals.”

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

<b>UT</b>	<b>Utah Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>\$27,777,600</b>
UT	Utah	State Energy Office	\$9,593,500
UT	Bountiful	City	\$177,100
UT	Cottonwood Heights	City	\$145,800
UT	Draper	City	\$170,600
UT	Layton	City	\$588,400
UT	Lehi	City	\$180,100
UT	Logan	City	\$214,600
UT	Murray	City	\$209,500
UT	Ogden	City	\$845,900
UT	Orem	City	\$890,800
UT	Provo	City	\$1,144,500
UT	Riverton	City	\$150,800
UT	Roy	City	\$134,200
UT	Salt Lake City	City	\$2,116,500
UT	Sandy	City	\$893,500
UT	South Jordan	City	\$194,300
UT	St. George	City	\$701,500
UT	Taylorsville	City	\$523,000
UT	West Jordan	City	\$913,000
UT	West Valley	City	\$1,141,400
UT	Box Elder	County	\$203,200
UT	Cache	County	\$248,900
UT	Davis	County	\$749,100
UT	Iron	County	\$184,700
UT	Salt Lake City	County	\$2,282,700
UT	Summit	County	\$154,500
UT	Tooele	County	\$225,000
UT	Utah	County	\$2,122,100
UT	Washington	County	\$257,100

UT	Weber	County	\$421,300
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In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
UT	Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Nation of Utah (Washakie)	\$40,600
UT	Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Cedar City Band of Paiutes, Kanosh Band of Paiutes, Koosharem Band of Paiutes, Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes, and Shivwits Band of Paiutes)	\$74,500
UT	Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah	\$25,000
UT	Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Utah	\$117,600
UT/AZ/NM	Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah	\$6,079,400
UT/CO/NM	Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah	\$75,000
UT/NV	Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Nevada and Utah	\$25,000

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm).

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